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SUBJECT: ACDA DIRECTOR WARNKE'S REMARKS UPON ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW

JUNE 21

AS HE WAS LEAVING SHEREMETYEVO AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING
FOLLOWING JUNE 21 ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW, ACDA DIRECTOR WARNKE MADE
BRIEF RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS POSED BY MOSCOW-BASED CORRESPONDENTS
OF ASSOCIATED PRESS AND UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL. FOLLOWING IS
VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

(BEGIN TRANSCRIPT) 1: (INAUDIBLE--CONCERNING PURPOSE OF
VISIT)

A. YES, WE'RE HERE STRICTLY TO TALK ABOUT THE INDIAN OCEAN.

Q. THE SOVIETS ARE CLAIMING IN THEIR COMMENTARIES THAT THE
UNITED STATES IS CONCINTUING TO INCREASE THE FACILITIES AT
DIEGO GARCIA WHILE THE SOVIETS ARE REALLY DOING NOTHING TO
INCREASE THEIR PRESENCE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. THEY SAY
WE'RE ONE-SIDED AND TRYING TO GET AN ADVANTAGE. HOW DO YOU
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RESPOND TO THAT?

A. WELL, I REALLY DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY BASIS FOR ANY SUCH
CONTENTION. AT THE PRESENT TIME THERE REALLY IS NO SUBSTANTIAL
MILITARY COMPETITION IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. WE'D LIKE TO
KEEP IT THAT WAY.

Q. WHAT ARE THE PROSPECTS FOR SOME SORT OF AGREEMENT IN THESE TALKS HERE?

A. OH, I WOULD NOT THINK THAT DURING THE PRESENT ROUND OF TALKS WE WOULD BE ABLE TO REACH ANY KIND OF CONCLUSIVE AGREEMENT. WE REGARD THIS AS STARTING A PROCESS.

Q. YOU DON'T EXPECT TO DISCUSS STRATEGIC ARMS?

A. NO, THAT'S NOT THE PURPOSE OF THIS DELEGATION.

Q. HOW WOULD YOU COMPARE THE ATMOSPHERE THOUGH FOR STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TALKS FROM HOW IT'S PROGRESSED SINCE THE TIME THAT YOU WERE HERE WITH SECRETARY VANCE AND THE PRESENT TIME?

A. OH, WE'RE QUITE ENCOURAGED. WE THINK THAT SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS WAS MADE AT GENEVA AT THE END OF MAY AND THAT THE SIDES ARE COMMITTED TO COME TO SOME KIND OF A GENERAL UNDERSTANDING AS FAR AS A FRAMEWORK FOR NEGOTIATIONS IS CONCERNED AND ARE MAKING, I THINK, SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS AS FAR AS THE REMAINING ISSUES GO. WE'RE GUARDEDLY OPTIMISTIC.

Q. HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO BE HERE?

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A. ABOUT A WEEK.

(END TRANSCRIPT).
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